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Depressed Classes

Opening of schools for the depressed classes.

* 1366 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) how many new schools were opened for the depressed classes from the current year's sanctioned budget amounts; and

(b) what amounts were disbursed from 1st April to 30th September 1927 for maintenance of schools for depressed classes by—

(1) the Salvation Army,
(2) the missionary bodies, and
(3) the departmental management?

A.—(a) 146 up to the end of September 1927.
(b) (1) Rs. 17,986.
(2) Rs. 13,921.
(3) Rs. 1,48,448.

Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI:—"With reference to answer to clause (b) of the question, the hon. the Home Member states that Rs. 13,921 was disbursed. May I know whether the amount was disbursed to Christian missionaries and others?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"Christian Missionaries and others."

Forests

Concessions in the reserved forests of South Kanara.

* 1367 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to lay on the table the report the Government have received with regard to clauses (a), (b) and (d) of my question No. 930 regarding concessions in the reserved forests of South Kanara answered on 31st October 1927?

A.—The report received from the Chief Conservator of Forests is placed on the Council table.[a]

Control and disposal of the forest in Gundamanikkanur zamindari.

* 1368 Q.—Mr. L. K. TULASIRAM: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the forest in the Gundamanikkanur zamindari in the Madura district is at the disposal of Government;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, when and how the Government assumed control and disposal of the said forest;

(c) whether the proprietor of the said zamindari has moved the Government through the Collector of Madura to make rules under section 26 or to take action under section 29 of the Madras Forest Act;

(d) whether the Government do propose to take action under section 29 of the Forest Act;

(e) if the Government propose to take action under section 29 with regard to the said forest, what are the purposes for which regulation or prohibition under that section appears to the Government to be necessary;

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(*f*) whether any notice has been issued to the owner of the above forest as required by section 29 of the Forest Act; and

(*g*) whether the Government propose to publish a notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette* and the official gazette of the Madura district as regards the said forest under section 29 of the above Act?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) In the absence of the name of the forest referred to, the Government are not in a position to give the information required.

(*c*) *to* (*g*) The Government are not aware of any such proposal.

Land Revenue

Applications for darkhast lands by depressed classes.

* 1369 *Q.*—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many applications for grants of darkhast lands were received from the depressed classes during the past one year in the districts of the Nilgiris, Coimbatore and Salem and how many of them were already disposed of and how many remain undisposed; and

(*b*) within what time each application is generally dealt with?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not hitherto compiled such statistics and are not aware of any record from which the particulars the hon. Member wants could be gathered as applicants for land do not usually declare in their applications what community they belong to. If the hon. Member wishes by his question to bring to notice delay in the disposal of applications from members of the depressed classes it is suggested that his object would be better served by giving full particulars of a few cases so that specific enquiry could be made.

Public Service

Grievances of non-gazetted officers.

* 1370 *Q.*—Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to the announcement made in this Council last March, by the Government, that while Government were not prepared to appoint a committee of enquiry to report on the scale of pay to non-gazetted officers they would consider individual cases of hardship brought to their notice, whether any applications for redress were received from the non-gazetted officers in North Arcot district;

(*b*) if so, what concessions were granted to such applicants; and

(*c*) whether Government have under contemplation the granting of any special concessions to such servants and if so, whether instructions will be issued to the heads of departments to treat the claims of such senior servants to promotion with special sympathy?

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